

Minutes of the General Meeting
Dallas Genealogical Society
Saturday, February 2, 2013
Auditorium
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Dallas Public Library System

President David Temple called the meeting to order at 11:00 and welcomed those in attendance. He first gave events being held by other societies and individual genealogists in the area during February.

Tony Hanson then encouraged DGS members to submit applications for awards to the Texas State Genealogical Society. The awards and criteria are on the TSGS website.

Carolyn Davis announced that the day for the Advanced Methodology Interest Group has been changed to the fourth Saturday of the month. It will next meet on February 23 to discuss chapter 1 of the book *Becoming An Excellent Genealogist*. The book is available for purchase on the ICAPGen website.

Membership director Gloria Goodwin announced that there were 67 members and 7 visitors in attendance.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted on the auditorium door and on the DGS website.

David announced that the DGS Board had a planning meeting on January 26 to develop short and long term goals for the society. The board will be working on the suggestions developed during the meeting for the remainder of 2013. He said that the Irving Genealogical Society disbanded effective January 1 and the Irving Public Library is disbanding the genealogy section. This includes getting rid of all the microform equipment. He noted DGS needs to plan to avoid the same fate.

Vice President Sandra Crowley said all of the events for 2013 have been planned and contracted. They are:

Paula Stuart Warren	March 16
Pam and Rick Sayre	August 2-3
Josh Taylor	October 12

Treasurer Nathan White reported that DGS has \$158,000, \$95,000 in savings and CDs and \$63,000 in the operating account. David noted that \$45,000 of that is from generous bequests from 2 individuals. The Board is researching ways to effectively use those bequests.

Member Fred Moss spoke briefly about the Federation of Genealogical Societies war of 1812 pension digitization project. The National Archives approached FGS about the project, saying that these records are the most perishable records that have not been digitized yet. It is the largest project that FGS has yet assumed. Two pages of pensions can be digitized for every dollar donated. This year \$1,000,000 is needed and the goal is to

complete the project by 2014, the 200th anniversary of the end of the War. The website Fold3 has the files on their website and there are currently 400,000. The organization Genequilters has made a quilt to raffle and anyone who donates can enter. Note that you want to enter on the donation form.

Fred also noted that Josh Taylor, our October event presenter, is the new president of the FGS.

Member Shirley Sloat suggested that we ask the new director of the 7th and 8th floor of the library to come to our next meeting. David said that is being planned. He also plans to meet with her.

David asked for volunteers for the nominating committee to pick officers for next year. Janet Khashab is chairing the committee.

Education Director Marie Navarro announced that the speaker in March will be Lloyd Bockstruck speaking on the Revolutionary War, the Laws Behind the Records. The speaker in April will be Tony Hanson, speaking on Organizing Digital Records. Marie then introduced today's speaker, Lynell Moss who spoke on FamilySearch Family Tree.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Larson